



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

March 14, 2006

Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
City Council
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Resolution No. 06-086 – Naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field
After the Late Howard Kazumi “Kan” Oda and Approving the Placement of An
Appropriate Memorial Plaque.

Council Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

It is with great honor and humility that I thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in behalf of the above resolution, naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field After the Late Howard Kazumi “Kan” Oda and Approving the Placement of An Appropriate Memorial Plaque.

The members of District Council 50, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, AFL-CIO, have always taken a special interest in the activities of our youth. We often sponsor teams from our community leagues as many of our members are coaches and parents of these sports organizations. The importance of such youth programs is well documented and we believe the parks that these activities take place are equally as important.

Howard Oda epitomizes the importance of athletics and the impact it has on our youth. Whether it was as a teacher, counselor or athlete, Mr. Oda constantly upheld not only his love for athletics, but also his deep compassion for his community of Wahiawa. Naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field after this great community leader, would be a fitting tribute to his legacy.

We wholeheartedly endorse this resolution and once again we thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Mahalo,

Mr. Lynn Kinney
Business Manager-Secretary Treasurer

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